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1. SUMMARY GRZ PRINCIPAL LOS CONCERN IS ESTABLISHING RIGHT OF LANDLOCKED STATES HAVE ACCESS TO SEA. GOVT WILL PUSH FOR STRONG AFFIRMATION ACCESS RIGHT AT GENEVA. GRZ APPARENTLY FLEXIBLE ALL OTHER POINTS -- WILLING SUPPORT OAU CONSENSUS BUT OTHER THINGS BEING EQUAL, FAVORS 12- MILE TERRITORIAL LIMIT, RIGHT OF INNOCENT PASSAGE, AND ECONOMIC ZONE PROVIDING SOME BENEFITS FOR LANDLOCKED STATES. END SUMMARY.

2. MOFA SENIOR LEGAL ADVISER KRISHNA DASSAN TOLD EMBOFF ZAMBIAN CENTRAL CONCERN IS ESTABLISHING ABSOLUTE RIGHT OF ACCESS TO
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SEA FOR LANDLOCKED STATES. THIS REINFORCED BY JAN 9 RHODESIAN BORDER CLOSURE. GRZ REALIZES ABSOLUTE RIGHT PROBABLY NOT ATTAINABLE, BUT WILLING TAILOR ITS POSITION ON OTHER ISSUES TO OAU CONSENSUS IN ORDER DEVELOP STRONGEST ACCESS POSITION POSSIBLE. GRZ PLANNING SIGNIFICANT EFFORT THIS ISSUE AT GENEVA.

3. DASSAN HAD NOT RECEIVED REPORT ON OAU LOS EXPERTS MEETING IN ADDIS (REF B), BUT GRZ POSITION WAS TO AGREE GENERALLY WITH OAU POSITIONS WHILE KEEPING FLEXIBLE. ZAMBIA FAVORED 12- MILE TERRITORIAL LIMIT, WOULD ACQUIESCE IN ECONOMIC ZONE " AS LONG AS OUR INTERESTS ARE PROTECTED," AND BELIEVED STRONG INTERNATIONAL REGIME BEST FOR HIGH SEAS. GRZ WOULD FAVOR SOME SORT REGIONAL PARTICIPATION PROPOSED ECONOMIC ZONE WITH VIEW TO RECEIVING SOME BENEFITS FROM EXPLOITATION ZONE' S MINERAL RESOURCES. DASSAN MADE IT CLEAR GRZ VIEWS ALL THESE SUBJECTS NEGOTIABLE IF NECESSARY ON ACCESS QUESTION. EMBOFF URGED FLEXIBILITY BE RETAINED IN ANY OAU RESOLUTION; DASSAN SAID U. S.- ZAMBIAN VIEWS VERY CLOSE ON THIS SCORE.

4. ACCORDING DASSAN, KEY ZAMBIAN FIGURE IN LOS TALKS IS ZAMBIAN UN MISSION FIRST SEC MHLANGA, WHO HAS ATTENDED ALL INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS SO FAR. WITHIN ABOVE PARAMETERS, HE HAS VIRTUALLY COMPLETE DISCRETION WORK OUT DETAILED ZAMBIAN POSITIONS.

5. DASSAN, BORN SRI LANKA BUT ZAMBIAN RESIDENT SINCE 1965, IS WELL- REGARDED LAWYER WITH CONSIDERABLE GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE WHO HANDLES ALL LOS AND MOST OTHER LEGAL WORK FOR MOFA. NELSON

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